





**Purchasing Service Agreement
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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Complimentary registration for One (1) delegate to the annual Strategic Issues Retreat;
Complimentary registration for Two (2) delegates to the annual Members Forum;
Password protected access to Web based products and services

A review of companies that offer similar kinds of services show that they are not comparable. This service constitutes a sole source purchase on the following grounds: 1) the research information and data created by the company analysts are proprietary and unique in nature; 2) the work products provided under this contract are copyrighted; 3) the research studies and work papers are unique to E Source-Platts.

This contract provides a significant resource in strategic planning initiatives for Austin Energy.